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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Charles P. Tresser

GROUP 3600

Serial No.: 09/578,474

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Examiner: Huseman, Marianne

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COMMERCE WITH FULL ANONYMITY

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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- 1 1. (Amended) A method of conducting business electronically between a first party and a second
- 2 party, comprising:
- 3 providing an intermediary relationship with a third party who knows an identity of the
- 4 first party but no privacy-compromising information regarding a proposed electronic business
- 5 transaction between the first and second parties; and
- 6 conducting the electronic business transaction between said first and second parties
- 7 through the third party such that said identity of said first party is kept from the second party,
- 8 wherein said second party is provided with information identifying said first party only as
- 9 a transactional party in said electronic business transaction, and
- 10 wherein said providing an intermediary relationship by said third party comprises
- 11 replacing an identification data about said first party with an identifier whose linkage to said